

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE February 27, 2006

SUBJECT: Aims Intervention/Dropout Prevention Grants under ARS 15-809

SUBMITTED BY: Maxine Daly

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: February 2, 2006

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A Spring 2005 decision allocated an additional five million dollars to the AIMS Intervention/Dropout Prevention grant program that the ADE administers. Therefore, ADE moved forward with an RFP (Request for Proposals) process to Local Education Agencies and dropout prevention providers in September 2005. The RFP followed the same guidelines as in the past, as defined in ARS §15-809: Aims intervention and dropout prevention program; program termination; definitions.

Statement of Purpose

In accordance with A.R.S. § 15-809 (Exhibit A) the Arizona Department of Education shall establish an AIMS Intervention and Dropout Prevention Program. The Department of Education shall develop application procedures, selection criteria and minimum performance standards for service providers that wish to participate in the program. Service providers that receive monies to participate in the program shall demonstrate that their dropout prevention program is offered in the public schools in this state and meets all of the requirements. *A.R.S. § 15-809 limits participation to service providers that have demonstrated documented success in delivering dropout prevention services.*

The AIMS Intervention and Dropout Prevention Program provides funding to existing public or private service providers for the purpose of operating dropout prevention programs that assist at-risk public school students in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 in meeting or exceeding AIMS performance competencies, helps them graduate or receive a General Equivalency Diploma, assists students in the transition to postsecondary education, vocational or job training, military service, or employment and which engages students in summer work, volunteer, or community service.

The following is the timeline associated with the awarding of this grant. Technical assistance was provided to all interested applicants on September 23, 2005 and again on December 9, 2005.

- September 2005: SBE approval to accept these funds
- September 2005: RFP was posted on ADE website & technical assistance offered
- October 2005: Review of applications
- November 2005: Allocation of funds released to 13 qualified and approved applicants
- December 2005: RFP was reposted on ADE website & technical assistance offered for an additional round of AIMS Intervention/Dropout Prevention awards.
- December 2005/January 2006: Review of applications
- January 2006: Allocation of funds released to 23 qualified and approved applicants. (See attached list)

The AIMS Intervention/Dropout Prevention grant program remains within the Innovative & Exemplary Programs Unit, which will provide consistency with the program as defined by statute.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: ☒ INFORMATION ☐ ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW

ATTACHMENTS: YES ☒ NO ☐

January 2006 AIMS Intervention/Dropout Prevention Allocations

District/Organization	Amount Awarded
AIBT dba Ronald Bauer High School	\$ 43,800.00
Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center Incorporated	\$ 100,000.00
Arizona Charter Academy	\$ 125,000.00
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Flagstaff	\$ 34,500.00
Buckeye Union School District	\$ 33,000.00
Casa Grande High School District	\$ 131,500.00
Cave Creek Unified School District	\$ 54,000.00
Fredonia Moccasin School District	\$ 100,000.00
Ganado High School	\$ 84,000.00
James Sandoval Preparatory High School	\$ 43,700.00
Mary C. O'Brien Accommodation School District	\$ 39,800.00
Mohave Accelerated Learning Center	\$ 45,000.00
Omega School dba Omega Academy	\$ 94,000.00
Page Unified School District	\$ 56,100.00
Peoria Accelerated High School (Leona Group)	\$ 37,000.00
Pinon Unified School District	\$ 200,000.00
Precision High School	\$ 175,000.00
Scottsdale Unified School District	\$ 152,300.00
Sunnyside School District	\$ 103,000.00
Vicki A Romero High School	\$ 106,000.00
Williams Unified School District	\$ 104,000.00
YCFA Achieve Academy	\$ 78,000.00
YMCA of America	\$ 197,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED DURING THIS ROUND	\$ 2,136,700.00